

State Profile Tool/National Balancing Indicator Grant  
Update: September, 2010

**National Balancing Indicator Contract:**

The stated goal of the National Balancing Indicator portion of the grant is for grantee states to work with the CMS contractor to help identify a set of common indicators for use across all states. IMPAQ International and its partner Abt Associates are the National Balancing Indicator Contractor (NBIC). The ultimate outcome will be a set of national indicators to assess States' efforts to balance their systems between institutional and community-based supports.

Virginia worked closely with our contracted partner, Thomson Reuters, in assuring appropriate information collection and reporting of Virginia's requested information.

Upon analysis of the collected information (from all 11 states), CMS decided more information was needed in order to accurately capture and project key indicators for the assessment of the nationwide long-term care service delivery system. In order for states to participate in this additional round of data collection, states were requested to submit a request for a supplemental grant award.

Virginia chose NOT to participate in the additional work of this grant and there for chose not to pursue an additional grant award and only requested a no cost extension to cover the cost of staff attendance to an October data dissemination meeting.

This grant has a completion date of September 30, 2010.

**State Profile Tool:**

The State Profile Tool can now be found on the DMAS website. [www.dmas.virginia.gov](http://www.dmas.virginia.gov) located under the 'client services' tab.

Additionally, the tool is used in research, evaluation and planning of state policy recommendations.